# Barbara B. Kavanagh, M.S.W., AzMN Founder and President

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Barbara has been on the faculties of Boston University, Boston College, Rhode Island College, and Arizona State University and she has conducted successful team building, volunteer management, and stress management programs.

Barbara is a popular motivational speaker and has extensive experience in the notfor-profit sector in fundraising and recruiting volunteers. She has worked with various charity programs in the U.S. and throughout Europe. She is listed in 'Who's Who of American Women,' 'Who's Who of International Women,' and 'Who's Who of Outstanding Americans.'

### SUPPORT GROUPS / WELLNESS

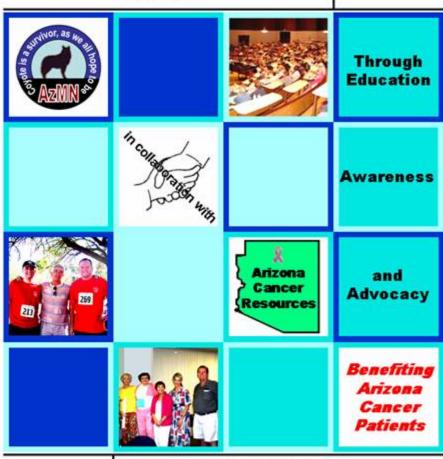
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# Arizona Myeloma Network

A Nonprofit Charity Organization with Broad-Based Collaboration of Cancer Resources in Arizona on Behalf of Myeloma



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### **WHAT IS MYELOMA?**

Multiple Myeloma is a complex and often misdiagnosed cancer of the bone marrow plasma cells that attacks and destroys the bone. The cause is unknown and, in the US, there are nearly 13,000 new cases of Myeloma diagnosed each year.

### WHAT IS THE ARIZONA MYELOMA NETWORK (AzMN)?



AzMN, formerly called Arizona Multiple Myeloma Institute (AMMI), was founded in June 2004 by Barbara B. Kavanagh. AzMN was registered as a State of Arizona 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with elected officers and by-laws in January 2006. A tax ID Number was established at that time. On December 2, 2006, AzMN was classified as a public charity under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

AzMN's mission is to promote **Education**, **Awareness and Advocacy** for the improved treatment and quality of life for Multiple Myeloma patients and their families and caregivers. It consists of healthcare professionals, volunteers, patients, families and others concerned about Myeloma.

Headquartered in Arizona, AzMN is open and dedicated to all, reaching out to all, without political, social, cultural, organizational or economic barriers. Our emphasis is on Collaboration, Clearinghouse, Sharing, Cooperation, and Partnerships. We are all on the same Team!

## PROJECTS: 2005

AzMN sponsored the **1st Southwest Symposium** at AZ State Univ. College of Law in Tempe, AZ on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005. The free one-day symposium was open to healthcare professionals, caregivers and family members.



AzMN also hosted the **1st Annual Arizona Myeloma Network Charity Golf Tournament and Gala Buffet Dinner** at Arrowhead Country Club in Glendale, AZ on Monday, Nov. 14, 2005. Funds raised were donated to IMF, to fund continuing research to cure Multiple Myeloma.



### PROJECTS: 2006



Saturday, Jun. 10, 2006: **Indoor Picnic Outreach Event** at **The VENU** in Grayhawk, Scottsdale, AZ.



Friday, Jun. 16, 2006: **Challenges and Rewards: Volunteering for Cancer Workshop** at The Wellness Community of Central Arizona, Phoenix, AZ.



Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006: **2nd Annual AzMN Charity Golf Tournament,** at the Raven Golf Club in Buckeye, AZ.



Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006: The Volunteer Challenge, at the Challenger Space Center Museum in Peoria, AZ. This was an opportunity to meet with 40 non-profit organizations seeking volunteers, to hear Barbara Kavanagh speak on "The New Volunteerism: A Community Connection."



### PROJECTS: 2007

Saturday, Mar. 31, 2007: The Arizona Myeloma Network (AzMN) in partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), will hold its **FREE** 'Living with Myeloma Conference' at the InnSuites, Tucson City Center in Tucson, Arizona. The Conference Faculty includes: Mayo Clinic, Translational Genomics Research Institute, Arizona Cancer Center, UofA University Medical Center, and UofA Program in Integrative Medicine healthcare professionals.

Saturday, Sep. 21, 2007: **3rd Annual Arizona Myeloma Network Charity Golf Tournament** at Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale, AZ.

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# **FUTURE PLANS**

- Presentations, Workshops and Round-tables by leading Myeloma experts in the areas of research, treatment and the medical, emotional, social and psychological effects of the disease
- Special programs will be designed for the underserved populations, i.e. Afro-American, Native & Hispanic Americans.
- Ongoing Myeloma volunteer services, including: training of volunteers, liaison with other Myeloma resources, advocacy, awareness, networking, and information sharing.
- Establish and develop fund raising activities and funding grant requests.
- Develop and build Partnerships with other healthcare organizations, hospitals or cancer facilities.